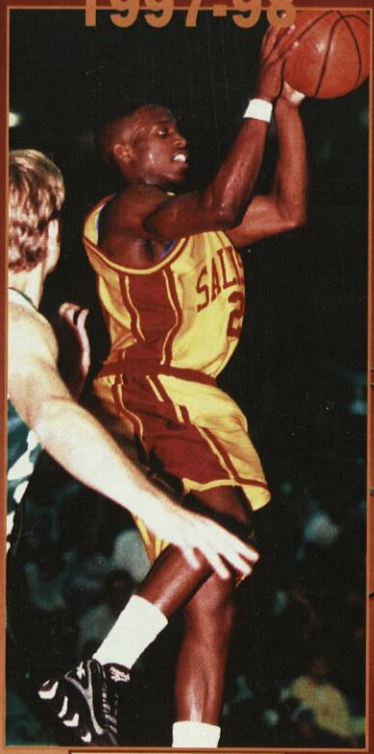
SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY

1997-98



MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEA GULLS

SSU at a glance

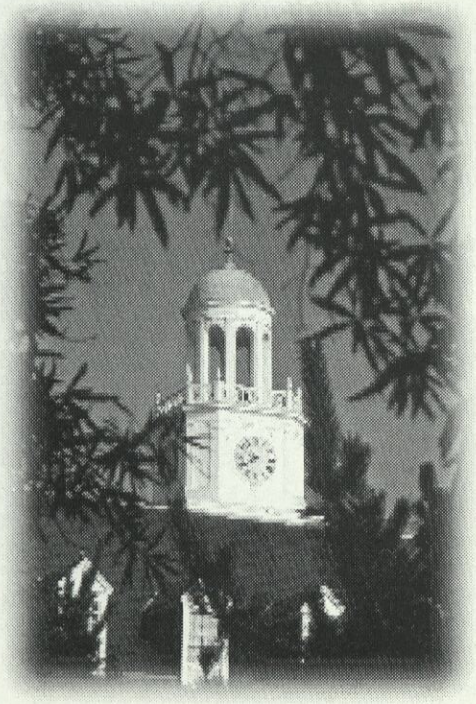
The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 7 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

The security of state support ...
1997-98 tuition, room, board and fees: $8,982 per year for Maryland residents; $12,734 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than $22 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.



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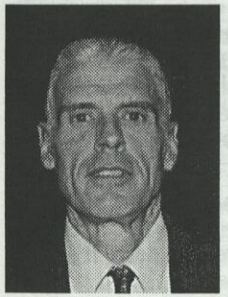
We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.

Head Coach Ward Lambert



With seven winning campaigns in the last eight seasons, Salisbury State Head Coach **Ward Lambert** is no stranger to success. Lambert led a memorable 1997 campaign in which his Sea Gulls finished 25-6 and advanced to the final eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Lambert, the winningest coach in Sea Gull history, completed his 27th year with a 393-322 career record. Over the past seven seasons, his teams have posted 138 wins while earning four NCAA Tournament bids and claiming four conference championships.

SSU in the '90s

1990-91	22-7*
1991-92	28-2*
1992-93	18-8
1993-94	14-11
1994-95	12-13
1995-96	19-9*
1996-97	25-6*

*NCAA Tournament

Lambert was honored as the Capital Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year in 1996 as he led Salisbury State to both the regular season and postseason championships.

Under his tutelage, the Sea Gulls have had 16 winning seasons, have notched double-figures in victories in 23 of 27 seasons, and earned five NCAA Tournament bids. Included in that stretch is a record-setting 1991-92 season, when Lambert guided the Sea Gulls to a 28-2 record and second place ranking in the final Division III national poll that season. For his efforts, he was selected as the Atlantic District Coach of the Year, as well as the Eastern States Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

The 1992 team set a school-record with 28 wins while also enjoying a nations's best 27-game winning streak. The Sea Gulls also produced the national Player of the Year that season.

Since the 1989-90 season, the Sea Gulls have been one of the highest scoring teams in the nation, utilizing an up-tempo, full-court pressure style of play. Lambert's 1989-90 team set a new NCAA Division III scoring record of 104.5 ppg.

A 1962 graduate of the University of Virginia, Lambert was a three-year varsity player on the Cavalier basketball team. He received his master's degree from the University of Maryland in 1965 before entering the high school coaching ranks. Lambert posted an 85-24 record in six seasons at the prep level, including five successful seasons at Stephen Decatur HS on the Eastern Shore. In all, Lambert's squads captured one state title, one state second place and four county championships before he took over the reins of the SSU program in 1970.

Lambert is a native of Wilmington, DE, and attended Mount Pleasant High School.

1997-98 Coaching Staff (l-r) Keith Brown, Pat Williams, Ward Lambert, Allen Miller, Jeff Gibbs

1997-98 Season Outlook

Gulls Hope to Reload for Third Straight NCAA Tournament Bid

The Sea Gulls are coming off one of their most successful seasons ever, but must replace four of their top five scorers from last year's 25-6 squad, which advanced to the final eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament. Head Coach **Ward Lambert** returns just five lettermen and one starter from that team, but feels like he has a squad with plenty of talent, as well as the potential for another postseason appearance.

"This is a different group with a different attitude from last year's team," said Lambert, who begins his 28th season at SSU with a 393-321 overall record. "This is a talented group but right now it's missing the cohesion of last year's team. It's definitely a team that should get better as the year goes on."

The only returning starter is junior point guard **Eric Prendeville** (4.9 apg), who will offer stability as the team's leader on and off the court. Prendeville finished third in the Capital Athletic Conference in assists and seventh in steals last season. Senior **Matt Golden** (3.8 apg), who averaged 15 minutes a game while playing in all 31 games last season, provides the Gulls with solid rotation at the position as Prendeville's backup. Prendeville and Golden are two of the team's captains this year.

"The point guard position is clearly one of our strengths this year," said Lambert.

Coming off a productive freshman season, sophomore **Colin Exelby** (43.4% 3FG) steps into the starting lineup as the No. 1 shooting guard this year. Exelby averaged 5.0 ppg and finished second on the team in treys with 36 while playing 11 minutes per game off the bench. Freshman **Josh Merkel** will fill Exelby's vacated role as the top shooter off the bench.

Senior **George Robinson** (13.9 ppg), who finished fourth in scoring last year but didn't start one game, moves into the starting lineup at the small forward position. Robinson is the top returning scorer and also averaged 4.9 rebounds last year. The deceptive 5-10 senior is an effective inside scorer and defender despite his height.

"George has added a little more of an outside game this season, but he'll still be mostly an inside player for us," said Lambert.

The only other returnee is sophomore **Brett Gibbs** (2.0 ppg), who played in all 31 games last season. As the only other forward experienced in SSU's run-and-gun, full-court system, Gibbs will fill a large role this season.

The Sea Gulls have a logjam of new players to help round out the other frontcourt positions. All will likely see action. Among the newcomers who should have the quickest impact this season are 6'6 junior **Sean Soyars**, a transfer from St. Mary's; 6'4 sophomore **Will Watson**, a capable inside and perimeter scorer; 6'6 sophomore **Bernie Dennison**, a strong inside presence; and 6'4 freshman **Paul Kwajafa**, another solid inside scorer.

Two other newcomers, 6'4 senior **Jamal Montgomery** and 6'2 freshman **C.J. Jarmon**, can also expect to see ample playing time.

The Sea Gulls will continue to feature their traditional up-tempo style and full-court pressure defense, which helped them average 92.7 ppg last year, third best in the nation. Lambert expects his team to improve through the year as the newcomers grasp the unique system.

"I don't think everybody has bought into the system yet," said Lambert. "It looks like an easy system to grasp, but it's not, especially on defense. We should be a contender by the end of the year, although hopefully we'll get it together earlier."

Additionally, with SSU's seventh win this season, Lambert will join an elite group of Division III head coaches who have amassed 400 victories at one school.

Players to Watch

ERIC PRENDEVILLE
GUARD 5-11 JUNIOR
BRICKTOWN, NJ

The only returning member of last year's starting lineup...Will take on a greater role as a team leader this season, including serving as one of the team captains...Started all 31 games last year after starting 23 of 26 as a freshman...Has finished third in the Capital Athletic Conference in assists in each of his first two seasons...Averaged 4.9 assists and 4.8 ppg last year...Also finished among the conference's steals leaders in both 1996 and 1997...A solid free throw shooter who has also developed into a consistent scoring threat from outside the three-point arc...Sees the floor exceptionally well and makes solid decisions with the ball...Always seems to think like a coach on the floor.

COLIN EXELBY
GUARD 6-3 SOPHOMORE
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

A valuable contributor as an outside scorer off the bench as a freshman, he moves into the starting lineup this season...Finished second on the team last year with 36 treys while leading the Gulls in three-point field goal percentage at 43.4%...Averaged 5.0 ppg while seeing action in 26 of 31 games...Will serve as one of the team's top outside shooters again this year...Also has the ability to create scoring opportunities with dribble penetration...Finished his freshman season by converting eight of his last 12 three-point attempts in SSU's four NCAA Tournament games.

GEORGE ROBINSON
FORWARD 5-10 SENIOR
COLUMBIA, MD

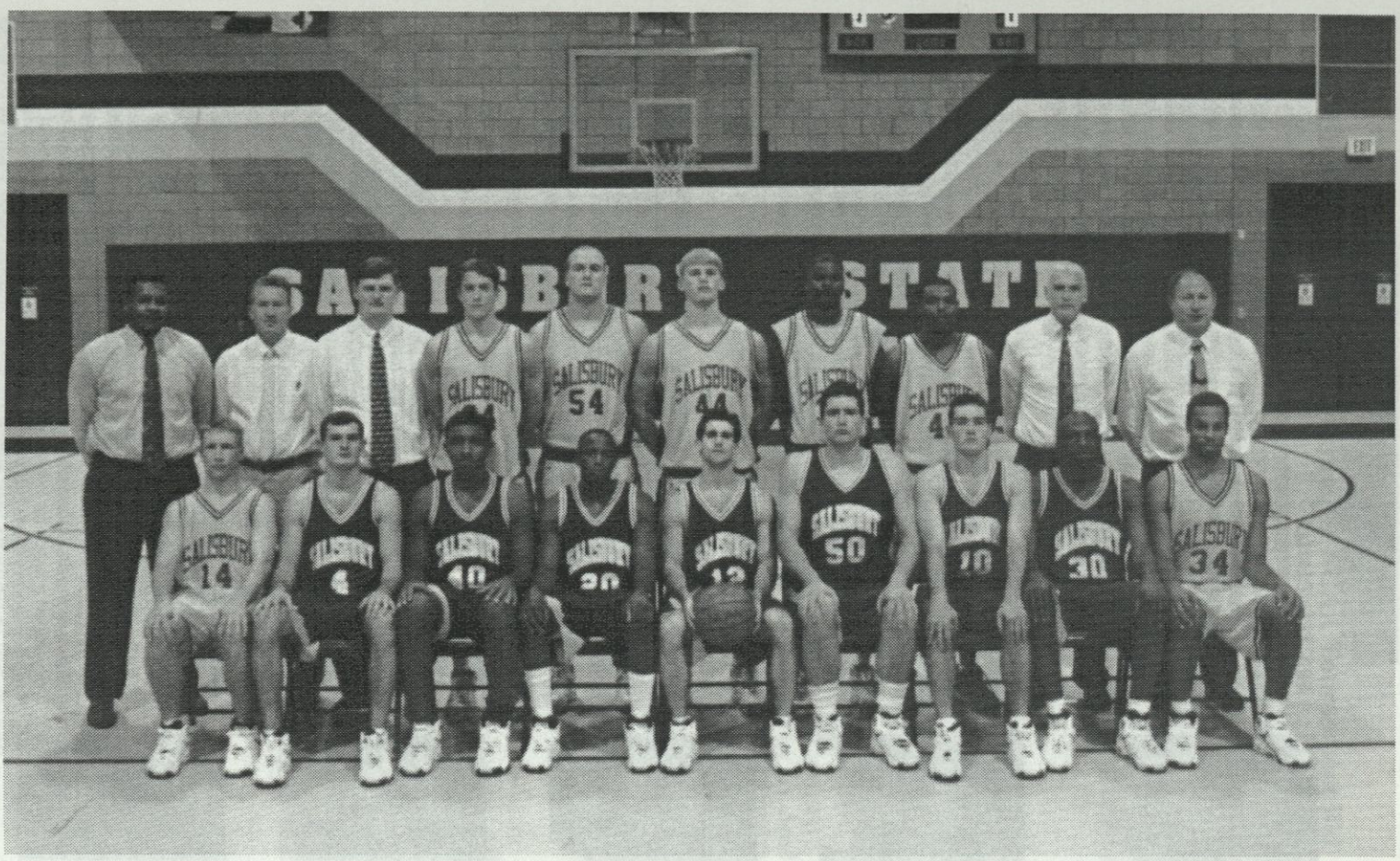
A deceptively effective post player who made an immediate impact as a junior transfer last year...The team's top returning scorer this season, he averaged 13.9 ppg...Played in all 31 games last year, but started none...Moves into the starting lineup this season...Also averaged 4.9 rebounds/game...Has excellent leaping ability and a knack for scoring over bigger inside defenders...Ideally suited for SSU's full-court style...Runs the floor exceptionally well...A strong finisher in transition...Will be one of the team's leading scorers and rebounders this year...A team captain.

MATT GOLDEN
GUARD 5-9 SENIOR
MIDDLETOWN, PA

The team's only four-year letterman, he joins Robinson as one of just two seniors on this year's squad...Has been a key reserve throughout his career and will split time with Prendeville at the point guard position again this season...Played in all 31 games as a junior and finished second on the team in assists with 3.8/game...Averaged 2.3 ppg and added 30 steals...One of the team's top free throw shooters, he converted 75.8% from the line last year...Begins his senior season with 277 career assists, ranked 15th in SSU history...Serving as one of the team captains.

BRETT GIBBS
FORWARD 6-4 SOPHOMORE
RICHMOND, VA

Will play a bigger role for the Gulls this year after seeing action in all 31 games as a frontcourt reserve last season...Averaged 2.0 ppg and six minutes/game as a freshman...Scored a career-high seven points in SSU's victory over Mary Washington on Feb. 15...Registered his season-high of seven rebounds against St. Mary's in the first round of the CAC Tournament...An active defender who has developed a knack for taking opponents' charges...Should be one of the team's top frontcourt players this year.



1997-98 Sea Gull Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown	High School
4	Josh Merkel	G	Fr	6-0	170	Walkersville, MD	Prospect Hall
10	Rich Glesmann	G	Fr	6-0	160	Wayland, MA	Wayland
12	Matt Golden	G	Sr	5-9	155	Middletown, PA	Middletown Area
14	Eric Prendeville	G	Jr	5-10	179	Bricktown, NJ	St. Rose
20	George Robinson	F	Sr	5-10	160	Columbia, MD	Oakland Mills
24	Colin Exelby	G	So	6-3	170	Grand Rapids, MI	E. Grand Rapids
30	Jamal Montgomery	F	Sr	6-4	182	Philadelphia, PA	Overbrook
32	Will Watson	F	So	6-4	176	New Orleans, LA	Central (MD)
34	C.J. Jarmon	F	Fr	6-2	164	New Castle, DE	Tatnall
40	Paul Kwajafa	F	Fr	6-4	203	Woodlawn, MD	Woodlawn
43	Sherron Trice	G	Fr	6-0	172	Greensboro, MD	North Caroline
44	Brett Gibbs	F	So	6-4	186	Richmond, VA	Trinity Episcopal
50	Sean Soyars	F	Jr	6-6	235	Crofton, MD	Arundel
54	Bernie Dennison	C	So	6-6	233	Ellicott City, MD	Glenelg Country

HEAD COACH — Ward Lambert (28th year)

ASSISTANTS — Pat Williams, Allen Miller, Keith Brown, Jeff Gibbs

Sea Gull Quick Facts

Location	Salisbury, MD
Founded	1925
Enrollment	6,000
President	Dr. William C. Merwin
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Capital Athletic Conference (CAC)
Home Arena	Maggs Center
Capacity	2,000
Director of Athletics	Dr. Michael P. Vienna
Athletics Dept. Phone	410-548-3503
Sports Information Director	G. Paul Ohanian
SID Phone	410-543-6016
SID Fax	410-543-6068
Head Coach	Ward Lambert
Alma Mater	Virginia '62
Record at School	393-321 (28th year)
Overall Record	same
Coach's Phone	410-548-2542
Coach's E-mail	ewlambert@ssu.edu
Assistant Coaches	Pat Williams, Allen Miller, Keith Brown, Jeff Gibbs
1996-97 Record	25-6 (NCAA Tournament Final 8)
Lettermen Returning/Lost	5/10
Captains	Matt Golden, Eric Prendeville, George Robinson

Top Returnees

George Robinson	5'10	Sr	F	13.9 ppg	4.9 rpg
Eric Prendeville	5'10	Jr	G	4.8 ppg	4.9 apg
Colin Exelby	6'3	So	G/F	5.0 ppg	43% 3-pt FG
Matt Golden	5'9	Sr	G	2.3 ppg	3.8 apg

Coach Lambert's Top Teams

Season	Record	Pct.	Highlights
1991-92	28-2	.933	NCAA Tournament Elite Eight Ranked 2nd in the nation 27-game winning streak ESAC Champions
1996-97	25-6	.806	NCAA Tournament Elite Eight Lynchburg Tournament Champions
1984-85	23-6	.793	Gull Classic Champions NCAA South Atlantic Playoffs Ranked 10th in the nation
1990-91	22-7	.759	Gull Classic Champions ESAC Champions NCAA Tournament
1983-84	19-8	.704	Bobcat Classic Champions Gull Classic Champions CIAC & Tournament Champions

The Recordbook

Individual Records

Most Points

Career	2940	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	914	Andre Foreman	1990-91
Game	52	Andre Foreman vs. Wesley	Feb. 12, 1992

Most Rebounds

Career	1313	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	482	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	37	Howard Shockley vs. Loyola	Feb. 12, 1974

Most Assists

Career	538	Scott Smith	1981-85
Season	246	Russell Springmann	1989-90
Game	19	Rick Sheets vs. Spring Garden	Dec. 6, 1986

Most 3-PT Shots Made

Career	268	John DeRichie	1993-97
Season	102	David Byer	1996-97
Game	9	Dameon Ross vs. CCNY	Dec. 5, 1991

Most Steals

Career	261	Andre Foreman	1987-92
Season	96	Andre Foreman	1991-92
Game	10	Ron Dixon vs. Baltimore	Jan. 9, 1975

Most Blocked Shots

Career	299	Howard Shockley	1973-76
Season	132	Howard Shockley	1973-74
Game	12	Howard Shockley vs. Spring Garden	Dec. 21, 1973

Team Records - Single Game

Most Points - 141 vs. Eastern, 1989-90
Most Field Goals Made - 55 vs. Wilmington, 1971-72
Most Free Throws Made - 42 vs. Frostburg State, 1993-94
Most Free Throws Attempted - 56 vs. Mary Washington, 1995-96
Most 3-PT Field Goals Made - 18 vs. Wesley, 1993-94
Fewest Points Allowed - 34 vs. John Jay, 1979-80
Most Rebounds - 85 vs. Western Maryland, 1968-69
Most Assists - 39 vs. Philadelphia Bible, 1971-72
vs. York, 1972-73
Most Steals - 28 vs. NC Wesleyan, 1995-96
Most Blocked Shots - 14 vs. Spring Garden, 1973-74
Largest Margin of Victory - 50 points vs. CCNY, 1991-92

Career Scoring Leaders

Name	Years	Points
1) Andre Foreman	1987-02	2940 *
2) Juan Gabourel	1976-80	2064
3) Dameon Ross	1991-94	1994
4) John Berens	1978-82	1736
5) Howard Shockley	1973-76	1519
6) Ron Gore	1965-69	1495
7) Scott Smith	1981-85	1420
8) Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	1419
9) David Byer	1987-91	1384
10) Dave Pritchett	1982-86	1293
11) Ron Pritchett	1984-87	1257
12) Casey Musick	1993-96	1207
13) Tyrone Mills	1974-78	1151
14) Tim Sponaugle	1980-83	1150
15) Kevin Cromer	1989-93	1138

*Foreman's total of 2,940 is also the NCAA Division III scoring record

Career Rebounding Leaders

Name	Years	Re-bounds
1) Andre Foreman	1987-92	1313
2) Howard Shockley	1973-76	1299
3) Ron Gore	1965-69	1250
4) Milt Purnell	1970-73	1168
5) Johns Berens	1978-82	934
6) Kevin Cromer	1989-93	762
7) Sylvester Burke	1971-75	751
8) Randy Clark	1993-97	709
9) Kyle Jefferson	1991-95	665
10) Ed Jones	1982-85	658

1997-98 Sea Gull Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	H/A	Site	Time
Nov. 21	Fri.	Susquehanna Tournament	A	Selinsgrove, PA	
		SSU vs. Baldwin-Wallace			6 p.m.
		Susquehanna vs. Brockport State			8 p.m.
Nov. 22	Sat.	Consolation and Championship			6/8 p.m.
Nov. 25	Tue.	Washington	A	Chestertown, MD	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Wed.	*Catholic	A	Washington, D.C.	8 p.m.
Dec. 5	Fri.	SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC	H	MAGGS PAC	
		Shenandoah vs. Lincoln			3 p.m.
		SSU vs. Villa Julie			8 p.m.
Dec. 6	Sat.	Consolation Game			6 p.m.
		Championship Game			8 p.m.
Dec. 9	Tue.	*York	A	York, PA	8 p.m.
Jan. 3	Sat.	Springfield Tournament	A	Springfield, MA	
		SSU vs. Misericordia			6 p.m.
		Springfield vs. Rivier			8 p.m.
Jan. 4	Sun.	Consolation and Championship			1/3 p.m.
Jan. 8	Thurs.	CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT	H	MAGGS PAC	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	Wed.	*GALLAUDET	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Sat.	*Goucher	A	Towson, MD	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	Wed.	*Marymount	A	Arlington, VA	8 p.m.
Jan. 24	Sat.	*MARY WASHINGTON	H	MAGGS PAC	4 p.m.
Jan. 28	Wed.	*CATHOLIC	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Sat.	*St. Mary's	A	St. Mary's City, MD	8 p.m.
Feb. 2	Mon.	VIRGINIA WESLEYAN	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Wed.	*Gallaudet	A	Washington, D.C.	8 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sat.	*YORK	H	MAGGS PAC	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Mon.	Wesley	A	Dover, DE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Wed.	*GOUCHER	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Sat.	*Mary Washington	A	Fredericksburg, VA	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	Tue.	*MARYMOUNT	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Sat.	*ST. MARY'S	H	MAGGS PAC	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Mon.	CAC TOURNAMENT - Quarterfinals	TBA		
Feb. 25	Wed.	CAC TOURNAMENT - Semifinals	TBA		
Feb. 28	Sat.	CAC TOURNAMENT - Championship	TBA		

* Capital Athletic Conference game

NCAA Tournament 1985, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997

SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.
- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.
- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.
- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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